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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION PARLIAMENTARIANS
TO UNITED STATES.

1. SEN. MOSS, CHAIRMAN SENATE SPACE COMMITTEE, BY LETTER OF DEC 20 HAS INVITED PIERRE DE MONTESQUIOU, CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND AEROSPACE QUESTIONS, ASSEMBLY OF WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION, AND MEMBERS OF HIS COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE US SENATE COMMITTEE. RESPECTIVE STAFF PERSONNEL HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED ON DATE SOMETIME DURING THE PERIOD 23-30 MARCH.

2. STAFF MEMBER OF WEU COMMITTEE HAS MET WITH EMBASSY OFFICER AND NASA EUROPEAN REP TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING OTHER SPACE RELATED VISITS DURING WEEK 24-28 MARCH AND TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST.

3. IN ADDITION TO PROGRAM OUTLINED IN SEN MOSS INVITATION, I SUGGEST FOLLOWING VISITS BE ARRANGED:

24-26 MARCH (1) NASA HEADQUARTERS

(2) GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

(3) STATE DEPT (SPACE COMMUNICATIONS)

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27 MARCH MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER

28 MARCH KENNEDY SPACE CENTER

4. GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 12-15 PARLIAMENTARIANS OF WEU MEMBER COUNTRIES AND ONE STAFF MEMBER. GROUP PREPARED TO PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS BUT, OF COURSE, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY US GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION THAT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

5. THE WEU IS AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR INTRA-EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION. IT IS MOST FAVORABLY ORIENTED TOWARD THE NATO CONCEPT OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE AND IT STRONGLY SUPPORTS HEALTHY US-EUROPE TIES IN DEFENSE AND RELATED AREAS. IN PREVIOUS YEARS VISITS BY WEU GROUPS TO WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN WELL HANDLED AND THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN BENEFICIAL TO U.S. INTERESTS. I BELIEVE THIS INVITATION FROM SENATOR MOSS IS ANOTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER PROMOTE CONSTRUCTIVE US-EUROPEAN TIES IN A FIELD WHICH WILL REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG OUR COUNTRIES IN THE NEXT DECADE. I FULLY ENDORSE THIS VISIT AND RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE OTHER AGENCIES ACCORD THIS VISIT APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION.
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